

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to replace the Attorney Docket Number with the corresponding U.S. Patent Application Serial Number.

The Examiner is requiring election of one of the following species under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- a. Species I: figure 1;
- b. Species II: figure 6A; and
- c. Species III: figure 7A.

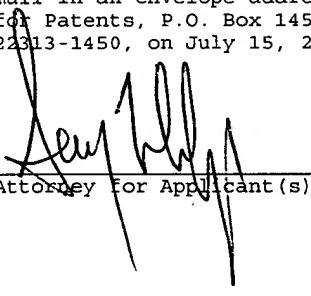
Applicants note that species III is directed at figure 7A, a nonexistent figure. Applicants assume the Examiner intended to cite figure 7 and request clarification.

Applicants hereby elect Species I. Applicants assert that Claims 1-10 and 12-30 read upon the elected Species I. Applicants further assert that Claims 1-6, 12-30 are generic for Species I, II, and III and that Claim 7 is generic to Species I and II.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is request to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicants.

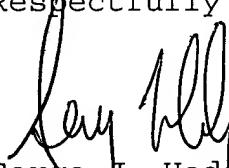
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on July 15, 2003.


Attorney for Applicant(s)

July 15, 2003
Date of Signature

Respectfully submitted,


Serge J. Hodgson
Attorney for Applicant(s)
Reg. No. 40,017
Tel.: (831) 655-0880